

NISC / ISAC Meeting – October 2015, Beltsville, MD

The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) will hold a meeting to discuss a broad range of topics related to invasive species. These discussions will serve as a basis for making recommendations to the National Invasive Species Council and to shape future work efforts of ISAC. While the meeting will focus on a broad range of invasive species topics, special emphasis will be placed on facilitating the productivity of ISAC subcommittees.

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

**SPONSORING
NISC/ISAC MEMBER:**

DOI

**COMMITTEE
AFFILIATION:**

None

**PRESENTER'S
NAME/AFFILIATION:**

Interior/Bureau To Be Determined

TOPIC:

Secretarial Order 3336 - Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration

1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:

This presentation will highlight the relationship between fire and invasive species (primarily cheatgrass and other invasive annual grasses) in the west; provide an overview of Secretarial Order 3336; and, describe efforts to implement, "An Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy." The Strategy involves interagency and non-governmental collaborations across a number of integrated fire and invasive species initiatives, including invasive species control, monitoring, restoration, and research.

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? DOES IT RELATE TO CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS, ACTIONS, OR DIRECTION?

Extensive efforts are underway at all scales and across numerous governmental and nongovernmental groups to conserve sage grouse and the sagebrush-steppe ecosystem. Approaches to control existing invasive species at scale, such as cheatgrass, and to prevent the introduction and spread of new species are critical. These approaches relate to work underway in a number of the ISAC subcommittees (e.g. biocontrol, EDRR etc.).

3. HOW DOES THIS ITEM RELATE TO THE 2008 – 2012 OR FUTURE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The future NISC management plan focuses on the importance of landscape scale/regional invasive species efforts, of which the Great Basin is one.

4. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:

No previous actions taken.

5. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:

No action requested. The goal is to provide an informational presentation; however, identifying opportunities for ISAC and its subcommittees to help advance SO 3336 activities would be beneficial.

6. ALTERNATIVES:

No alternative proposal.

7. ATTACHMENTS:

- Secretarial Order 3336, https://www.nifc.gov/fireandsagegrouse/docs/SO_Rangeland.pdf
- An Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy: Final Report to the Secretary of the Interior, May 2015, http://forestsandrangelands.gov/rangeland/documents/IntegratedRangelandFireManagementStrategy_FinalReportMay2015.pdf